

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Title:** "System, Method, and Service for Federating and Optionally Migrating a Local File System into a Distributed File System while Preserving Local Access to Existing Data"

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**PUBLICATIONS / OTHER ART**

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